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SUBJ: FAHMY ON SADAT'S JULY 16 SPEECH

- 1. WHEN DISCUSSING WITH FAHMY TODAY ISRAELI CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN MILITARY INTENTIONS, HE NOTED THAT GOE HAS BEEN SEEKING ASSIST IN CREATION OF POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH BEGIN. AS PARTT OF THIS EFFORT, HE HAD WRITTEN INTO SADAT'S SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF ASU, JULY 16, SEVERAL POINTS DESIGNED TO BE HELPFUL.
- 2. SPECIFICALLY, ACCORDING TO FAHMY, SPEECH CONTAIN STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF GOE SUPPORT FOR UNSC RESOLUTION 242. IN ADDITION, THERE IS PASSAGE INVITING ANY EGYPTIAN JEWS WHO LEFT THE COUNTRY TO COME BACK IF THEY WISH. THIS, FAHMY ASSERTED, IS INTENDED TO HAVE "PLITICAL MEANING". IT IS NOT INTENDED BE PROPAGANDISTIC. MOST EGYPTIAN JEWS DID NOT EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL, BUT WENT TO EUROPE OR THE UNITED STATES. THUS, AN INVITATION FOR THEM TO RETURN IF THEY WISH SHOULD BE READ IN THE XONTEXT OF EGYPTIAN TOLERANCE FOR PERSONS OF JEWISH FAITH. FINALLY, HE HAD INSERTED WHAT HE CALLED A "CLEAR-CUT AND CAREFULLY CHOSEN FORMULA" RE MEANING OF PEACE. ASKED IF THIS INCLUDED ANY REFERSECRET

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ENCE TO NORMALIZATION, FAHMY WAS VAGUE. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH HE AND SADAT, IN THEIR MEETINGS WITH CODEL HAMILTON, HAD SPOKEN OF POSSIBILITY OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER PEACE AGREEMENT SIGNED.

3. COMMENT: FAHMY DID NOT HAVE TEXT WITH HIM AND WAS SPEAKING FROM MEMORY. EGYPTIAN PURPOSE IS CLEARLY TO

TRY TO BE HELPFUL, ALTHOUGH EXTENT TO WHICH THESE PASSAGES PROVE TO BE SO WILL DEPEND UPON HOW SPECIFIC THEY ARE.

4. SADAT'S SPEECH DUE TO BE DELIVERED AT 1100 LOCAL (0900 GMT) TOMORROW. WE WILL MONITOR CLOSELY AND REPORT ASAP. EILTS

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